



## Medal for Exceptional Contributions 2006

# MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR FAMILIES

This year, the Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development (CEECD) honours one political leader and two foundations for their outstanding work and dedication in supporting research, programs and policies to promote the healthy social and emotional development of young children. Thus, the Honourable Tim Sale, the Norlien Foundation and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research have been awarded the 2006 Medal for Exceptional Contributions to Early Childhood Development.



## THE HONOURABLE TIM SALE

*"When we get it right for kids, we get it right for all of us."*

The Honourable Tim Sale

To many, Tim Sale is the grandfather of Healthy Child Manitoba. In March 2000, Premier Gary Doer appointed Tim Sale the founding Chair of the Healthy Child Committee of Cabinet. To date, this is the only standing cabinet committee in Canada dedicated to the healthy development of children, especially in their earliest years.

Sale was first elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1995. From 1976 to 1985, he was CEO of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. He also taught at both the universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg in the fields of economics, health policy and management, and served as a minister with the Anglican Church of Canada.

As Chair of Healthy Child and in his various departmental roles—from Family Service and Housing Minister, to Energy, Science and Technology Minister, to Health Minister— Sale promoted science-based

policy, innovative prevention and population health approaches (including Canada's first prenatal benefit), both among his fellow ministers in Manitoba and in other governments across Canada and worldwide. Over the years, he was the foremost champion for young children in the Manitoba government, showing the power and potential of authentic political will in putting children at the top of the policy agenda.

Across Canada and internationally, the Healthy Child Manitoba Strategy has become a model of cross-sector collaboration, elevating early childhood development to the highest levels of government while anchoring it in the grassroots of community.

Although he has retired from political life, Sale plans to continue his work helping communities grow and supporting their citizens—especially the youngest ones.



The Honourable Tim Sale (left) receives the CEECD Medal from Mr. Richard E. Tremblay (right), CEECD Director.